



# CITY OF FALLS CHURCH

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## **David F. Snyder** **Vice Mayor**

The Honorable David F. Snyder is Vice President and Assistant General Counsel for the American Insurance Association (AIA), specializing in automobile insurance and other transportation issues, international trade, insurance regulatory issues and legal reform. His responsibilities include drafting legislation and regulations, testifying, managing litigation, working with other interested public and private sector parties and communicating with the media.

Mr. Snyder recently served as Chairman of the Insurance Committee of the Coalition of Service Industries, a broad based business group representing the interests of the major U.S. services industries in international trade negotiations. He has also recently appeared as an interested party expert before the National Transportation Safety Board on its investigation of chronic health conditions that may adversely affect driving safety and was a panelist for the Transportation Research Board on truck safety benchmarking issues. He is currently an expert on a panel on setting speed limits and has recently presented at programs on electronic data recorders (black boxes) and truck driver hours of service.

Mr. Snyder joined AIA in 1987 after working for Nationwide Insurance, managing its government affairs in its largest premium volume state. He left AIA in 1990 to work for State Farm Insurance Company and later returned to AIA. Prior to these positions, he served the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as General Counsel of the Commerce Department, Deputy Attorney General in Torts Litigation and Legislative Liaison for the Insurance Department. Earlier, he worked in the U.S. Department of Transportation and the U.S. Fire Administration. These positions included trial and appellate litigation, in-house legal counsel and government affairs responsibilities.

Mr. Snyder graduated Magna Cum Laude from Dickinson College in Pennsylvania and graduated from the George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C. He is licensed to practice in the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania and Virginia and several federal courts. He is also a Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter (CPCU). In 2010, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments presented Mr. Snyder with its highest honor, the Elizabeth and David Scull Metropolitan Public Service Award. The award is presented annually to an elected official for outstanding service to residents of the metropolitan Washington region.

Mr. Snyder participated as the sole U.S. insurance industry expert in a U.S. Government sponsored meeting on insurance in the Middle East held in Amman, Jordan in June, 2004. He also represented U.S. insurers in a national conference on highway safety in Moscow, Russia and was one of two foreign experts in discussions in Israel and Gaza between the Israelis and Palestinians on auto insurance issues in 2000. He has regularly represented U.S. insurers in trilateral discussions in Canada, Mexico and the U.S. involving the implementation of transportation aspects of the North American Free Trade Agreement and in international trade and terrorism insurance meetings in Geneva and Paris.

Mr. Snyder has testified before numerous international, federal and state legislative and administrative bodies and has addressed audiences on auto insurance, transportation, financial services regulation, and international issues. He has appeared on ABC, CBS, CNN, NBC and FOX networks and has been quoted in the *Detroit News*, *Smart Money*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Washington Post*.

Mr. Snyder has previously served as Mayor and Vice Mayor of the City of Falls Church, having been elected to five terms on the City Council, most recently in May 2010. In July 2004, he was elected Chairman of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. He has been Vice President of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. He also currently represents the City on regional transportation planning agencies, including the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Transportation Planning Board (where he chairs the Management and Operations and Intelligent Transportation Systems Task Force) and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (where he was the Chairman).

Mr. Snyder chairs the working group on Emergency Transportation, Evacuation, and Sheltering-In-Place under the National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council. He coordinated the transportation and evacuation components of the Regional Emergency Coordination Plan first approved by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments on September 11, 2002 in response to the terrorist attacks against the Pentagon and World Trade Center. He has participated in other terrorism and incident response programs.

Mr. Snyder was the President of the Falls Church Housing Corporation, an 80-unit subsidized housing project, and has been a Deacon in an inner-city church with programs for the homeless and persons with disabilities. He is an active Emergency Medical Technician with a Washington, D.C. area rescue squad, having more than 30 years experience in fire, rescue, and emergency medical services. Mr. Snyder is also fortunate to be married to a journalist with two wonderful children.

Mr. Snyder was first sworn in as a member of City Council on July 1, 1994.

Vice Mayoral Term: 7/1/10 – 6/30/12

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## **Memberships**

### **Council of Governments Policy Boards & Committees:**

Board of Directors (Alternate)  
Transportation Planning Board  
Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee  
Public Safety Policy Committee (Alternate)  
Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee (Alternate)  
Climate and Energy Committee (Alternate)

### **Regional Boards & Commissions:**

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority  
Northern Virginia Transportation Commission

### **City Council Committees:**

Economic Development  
Legislative Committee

### **Liaison to City Boards & Commissions:**

Citizens Advisory Committee on Transportation  
Historical Commission  
Historic Architectural Review Board  
Public Utilities Commission

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